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You must:

1. Urge the Federal government to use alternative platforms.
2. Keep competition alive by forbidding Microsoft from selling to certain markets. Keep them out of the Education market, period. Let someone else (Apple) dominate that market space and keep a competitor strong.
3. Make Microsoft include the top 2 competing products in Windows XP to finally give consumers REAL choice, for example:

Make them include QuickTime and Real Audio along with their Windows Media Player in a standard XP installation.

Make them also include NetScape and Opera along with their Internet Explorer web browser during a standard XP installation.

Apple has been including more than one Internet browser in their standard operating system installations for years and it has been great for both the Mac user community (consumers) and the Mac market overall. There's no reason that Microsoft shouldn't do this freely for consumers too.

Action must be taken to weaken Microsoft. Without strong measures to adjust them, they will continue to choke the U.S. technical economy/ecosystem and suffocate other companies and their stock prices... Anyone who is their competitor has been struggling without investor backing because investors know Microsoft is lurking, ready to copy their product and leverage their big name to sell it. More companies must be permitted to be strong to improve the U.S. economy.

The fact that Apple hasn't been able to achieve more market share over the years is absolute proof not of Apple's weakness or lack of trying but Microsoft's hegemony, and stranglehold on the market, and complete reason why you need to stifle them VERY soon. Make it count this time! The American public has been waiting for a looonng time for real justice and equality and freedom of choice.

Thanks for respecting my opinion.

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